

Reliable Sources of Immunization Information: Where to go to find answers

Websites

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

www.aap.org/immunization AAP's childhood immunization website contains information for both parents and clinicians.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

www.cdc.gov/vaccines The information on this website ranges from official vaccine recommendations for healthcare professionals to information for the general public about vaccines.

Every Child by Two (ECBT)

www.ecbt.org and www.vaccinateyourbaby.org ECBT, founded by Rosalynn Carter and Betty Bumpers, has created these two websites. Each contains a broad array of educational materials and information about vaccines, their safety, vaccine research and science, vaccine misperceptions, and many other topics to help clinicians and parents.

Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)

www.immunize.org and www.vaccineinformation.org IAC is a nonprofit organization that promotes immunization for all people against vaccine-preventable diseases. These websites offer educational materials, photos, and video clips for parents, healthcare professionals, the media, and the general public.

National Network for Immunization Information (NNii)

www.immunizationinfo.org NNii provides current, science-based, extensively reviewed information to healthcare professionals, the media, policy makers, and the public.

U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS)

www.vaccines.gov Vaccines.gov is the federal gateway to information on vaccines and immunizations for infants, children, teenagers, adults, and seniors.

Vaccine Education Center (VEC) www.vaccine.chop.edu

The goal of the VEC at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is to accurately communicate the facts about each childhood vaccine. VEC publishes a monthly vaccine e-newsletter for parents titled "Parents PACK." For more information or to subscribe, visit www.vaccine.chop.edu/parents

Phone Numbers

CDC-INFO Contact Center

A toll-free number for consumers and healthcare professionals who have questions about immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases.

Call (800) CDC-INFO or (800) 232-4636. The Center operates 24/7 in English & Spanish. TTY: (888) 232-6348.

Books for Parents

Baby 411, 4th edition By Denise Fields and Ari Brown, MD, Windsor Peak Press, 2009. Written by a Harvard-trained

pediatrician (Brown) and the author of the best-selling Baby Bargains (Fields), this book is the ultimate compilation of frequently asked questions for baby's first year. It includes a special section on vaccines. To purchase, visit your local bookstore or www.windsorpeak.com/baby411

Do Vaccines Cause That?! A Guide for Evaluating Vaccine Safety, 1st edition By Martin Myers, MD, and Diego Pineda, MS. Published by Immunizations for Public Health, 2008. Get straight, science-based answers to parents' questions about the safety of vaccines. To purchase, visit your local bookstore or www.dovaccinescausethat.com

Parents Guide to Childhood Immunization, 2010 This 68-page booklet from CDC introduces parents to 14 childhood diseases and the 10 vaccines that can protect children from them. Parents can order a free booklet or print their own copy by visiting www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/parents-guide

Plain Talk About Childhood Immunization, 6th ed.

Washington State Department of Health, et al., 2008. This 54-page booklet provides parents with accurate information about immunizations and the diseases they prevent, vaccine safety, and other topics of interest to the public. The publication, available in English and Spanish, can be downloaded at <http://here.doh.wa.gov/materials/plain-talk-about-childhood-immunizations> in either low resolution (for printing on office copiers) or high resolution (for professional printing).

Vaccines and Your Child, Separating Fact from Fiction, 2011 By Paul Offit, MD, and Charlotte Moser, Columbia University Press, 2011. This book answers questions about the science and safety of modern vaccines. In straightforward prose, Offit and Moser explain how vaccines work, how they are made, and how they are tested. Most important, they separate the real risks of vaccines from feared but unfounded risks. To purchase, visit your local bookstore or www.cup.columbia.edu

Videos

"Vaccines and Your Baby" and "Vaccines: Separating Fact from Fear" Available for a nominal charge in English and Spanish in DVD format, these videos answer many questions that new parents have. Ordering information is available at www.chop.edu/service/vaccine-education-center/familyOrder.cfm or parents can watch the videos online at www.chop.edu/service/vaccine-education-center/related-information/multimedia.html.

Online Training Resources for Immunization Staff

EZIZ

<http://eziz.org/>

Interactive lessons, job aids, video demonstrations and other training resources from the California VFC program

Teaching Immunization Delivery and Evaluation

<http://www2.edserv.musc.edu/tide/reg/main.las>

Modules A and D offer training on childhood and adolescent immunization for practitioners through case studies. Modules B and C relate to assessing and improving immunization rates. Module E offers an overview of vaccine storage and handling.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: You call the Shots: Web-based Training Course -

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/courses.htm>

A series of modules designed to summarize all aspects of immunization. The modules provides vaccination recommendations, links to resource materials, and self-tests to assess learning.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: The Immunization Encounter: Critical Issues

<http://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/encounter/encounter.asp>

Addresses issues related to a routine immunization clinic encounter: Before, during and after.

Immunization Action Coalition: Clinic Resources: Scheduling Vaccines

<http://www.immunize.org/clinic/scheduling-vaccines.asp>

Guides to the immunization schedules and answers about scheduling vaccines.

Immunization Action Coalition: Handouts for Patients and Staff

<http://www.immunize.org/handouts/>

A variety of handouts related to all aspects of immunization.

Catch-up Immunization Scheduler for Children Six Years and Younger

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/scheduler/catchup.htm>

This tool, once downloaded, can be used to determine the vaccines a child needs and is especially useful for quickly seeing missed or skipped vaccines according to the Immunization Schedule.

Adolescent Immunization Scheduler

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/Scheduler/AdolescentScheduler.htm>

This tool, once downloaded, can be used to determine the vaccines adolescents need according to the Adolescent Immunization Schedule.

Idaho Immunization Program: Healthcare Providers Immunization Information

<http://www.immunizeidaho.com>

Access immunization schedules and resources, dates of upcoming events, and a link to request trainings from the IIP.